

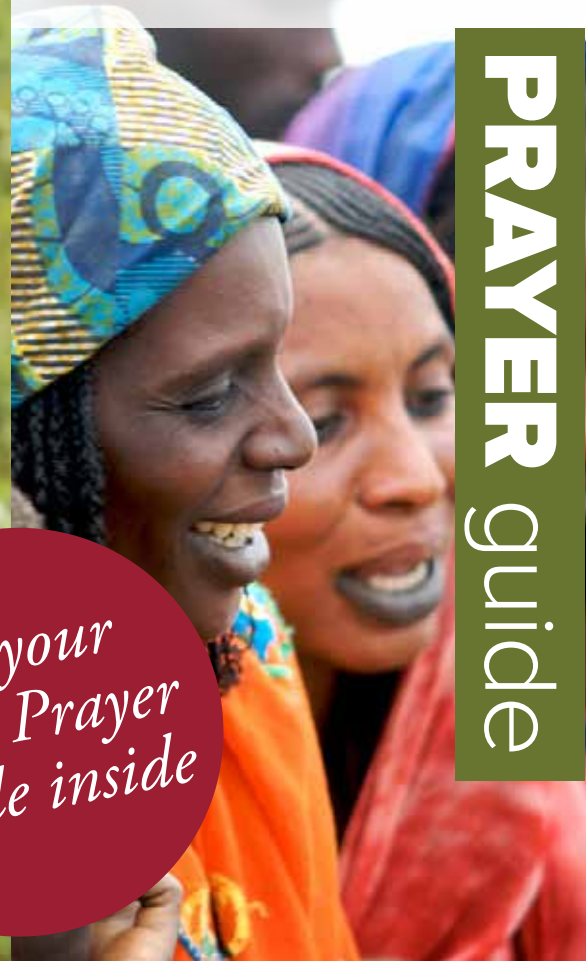


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# AIM Korea

**K**orea is Africa Inland Mission's newest Mobilising Region. AIM Korea began as a committee in 1985, became a Council in 2010, and was part of the Asia-Pacific Mobilising Region. Korea became AIM's seventh mobilising region in October 2015.

AIM Korea is led by Director, Rev. John Kang with his wife Hey Ran and a Council of 13, chaired by Rev. Dr. Kim Keun Soo. There are now 20 Korean workers serving with AIM.

Former International Director, Dr. Dick Anderson recalled that he and then Australian Director, David Checkley were welcomed to Korea on 14 June 1984.

"Our most significant experience was teaching in the four-week Missionary Training Institute of Chongshin Seminary. As a result several students volunteered for missionary service."

Early AIM Korea workers included Gloria Kim, serving on a TIMO team among the Luo people in west Kenya; Joseph and Lois Kim at Kericho, Kenya, and Sonya Kim in Lesotho. Early workers came to Australia for English training and lived with the David and Alan Checkley families.

Inaugural General Secretary, Dr Son Young Jun led AIM Korea from 1985-1995 with help from Australian Director David Checkley who served 1981-1996. (David died in May 2015).

Korean missionary, Gloria Kim graduating from Sydney Missionary and Bible College in 1989 with then AIM Australia Director David Checkley and wife Betty.



## Ruth Mitchell

**F**ormer long-time missionary in Africa, Ruth Mitchell, died on 9 December 2015.

Ruth went to Africa in 1959 with the Alan Checkley family returning after furlough. They sailed to Mombasa arriving on Australia Day 1960. Africa was the focus of her ministry and life for the next almost 60 years.

Alan Checkley recalled Ruth spent years in preparation including business studies, Bible studies at the Sydney Bible Training Institute, and midwifery

training at Crown Street Women's Hospital.

In Kenya she served the Kalenjin people and became fluent in that language. Ruth's ministry was largely to women and girls but included providing maternity services. However, the zenith of her ministry was at Kapsabet where she took responsibility for the Kalenjin literature ministry. This involved writing, translating, editing and typing material for the people. She worked together with Pastor William Kosgei.

## Just Briefly

**Pacific2Nations events** will be held during 2016 in Australia and the USA. Pacific2Nations is a movement initiated in New Zealand to mobilise Pacific Islanders into mission to reach the unreached. In its first two years, more than 80 have been mobilised into short-term and long-term mission and many trained for mission. Pray as these events are planned.

### Somalis are coming to Jesus

At the AIM International Council in October, two Somali Christians shared their testimony and about their ministry to their people. They reported Somalis are coming to know Jesus Christ as their Saviour. Pray for this couple as they reach out to fellow Somalis through the internet, social media and face to face.

**An AIM Australia orientation** was held in Gosford in November for new members. Please pray for **Jeremy and Felicity Aitken** as they prepare to serve among the Laarim people of South Sudan; **Rob and Tianne Varicak** are preparing to work among the Didinga of South Sudan. Both aim to leave Australia mid-2016. Pray for short-termers, **Mikaela and Daniel Leach**, doing a medical elective and ministry at Kijabe in Kenya from mid-January to mid-February.

**Africa-Based Orientation** in Kenya during January-February includes two Australian couples. Craig and Helen Waldoock are in with the Namibia TIMO team; and Norm and Noeline Scott are on their way to Tanzania.

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# African Church Ready to Lead the Way in Outreach

Africa's church is alive and well and is keen to lead the way to reach the remaining unreached African people groups.

This is according to Robbyn Lesleighter from the Africa Inland Mission Australian office, following her attendance at the Movement of Africa National Initiatives (MANI) prayer Summit in Ethiopia late last year.

"The African church wants to own the task of reaching other African unreached people groups.

"They want to partner with western mission agencies in the task."

More than 30 people attended the

summit with representation from countries including Nigeria, Zambia, Algeria, Kenya, Ethiopia, the Middle East, South Africa and the USA, UK and Australia.

Please pray as AIM partners with the African Church in this enormous task of reaching the remaining 1008 unreached people groups of Africa. Pray more from the African church will own the task.

AIM's vision 2020 includes mobilising 400 Africans to work cross-culturally among unreached people



Robbyn Lesleighter from AIM Australia (right) with delegates to the MANI Prayer Summit in Ethiopia.

and training 4,000 Africans to lead sustainable Christ-Centred churches.

## Introducing Eva Zhou

Eva Zhou is AIM's new part-time Administration officer in the Auckland Office in New Zealand. Eva was born in China but has lived in New Zealand for about fourteen years. She came to know Jesus in New Zealand about seven years ago.

Eva is experienced in graphic design and visual arts, as well as administration and working with Christian groups. Eva will assist in operating the office, process applications for service in Africa and will help AIM connect with churches. Eva can be reached in the Auckland office

usually on Tuesdays and Wednesdays,

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**E** [admin.nz@aimint.org](mailto:admin.nz@aimint.org)



## NEW AIM New Zealand Board

Pastor Max Guptill has recently joined the Africa Inland Mission International, New Zealand Board. The board's inaugural meeting was in September 2015. Max and his

wife Gillian and daughter previously served as short-termers with AIM on two occasions. The most recent was for 12 months in 2011. Max serves as a community pastor in Mt Wellington and

is on the Pacific2Nations organising committee. Opportunities exist for two new board members. The board operates as an AIM committee in the Asia Pacific.



## Construction Team in South Sudan

AIM Short-termer Jason Broad is set to join a South Sudan construction team in February. Jason is pictured with his wife Lyndell and children Erica and Daniel.

Jason has a passion to serve and

will work alongside local contractors preparing housing for the Laarim Focus Team starting in mid-2016.

Australian couple Jeremy and Felicity Aitken and family are preparing for this two-year Laarim Focus team.

More opportunities exist for short-term construction workers in South Sudan.



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unreached  
people groups.

5 appointed workers  
preparing to go to Africa  
in 2016.

18

full-term  
workers serving  
in Africa.

5 supported workers,  
and staff serving in AIM  
mobilising offices in Australia  
and New Zealand.

3 working part-time  
among Africans in  
Australia.

16 workers experienced  
short-term mission in  
Africa.

300 given initial training  
in sharing Jesus  
with Muslims in Australia  
through seminars and Bridges  
workshops.

AIM registered  
as charity in  
New Zealand.

# Snap Shots from Africa

*Praise God for His blessings in 2015. Our AIM workers have seen God touch lives in Africa. Here are snap-shots from just a few.*

children responded in repentance and faith. They are actively reaching out to some of their marginalised neighbours, inviting them to come and share some food while they too share a Bible story. Peragé even gave her neighbour some clothes, and these new acts of kindness are bearing fruit. That neighbour has now begun attending on Sundays.



Christ Tyrrell enacting a story

## Marlene van Tonder in South Sudan

On a Sunday in June, five Lopit people stood in church at the invitation to receive Christ — Kairo, Augustine, Akara, Ikai and Stella.

Some weeks prior to this Robert, from the team, and Aaron, a local church leader, had opportunity to visit Stella while walking through Ohilang village. Stella is a witch doctor in training, but the conversation they had gave them much hope for her salvation as they could see the Lord moving in her life.

## Chris and Fiona Tyrrell in Rwanda

Chronological Bible story-telling has borne fruit in the lives of Rwandans from a marginalised people group.

Chris and Fiona have been ministering among a marginalised people group in Rwanda alongside Evangelical Church and Ministries Int. (ECMI) partners. They have been using Chronological Bible Storying to teach the basics of the gospel story. Last year they began meetings in Nyabageni and a new church was formed.

Recently the fruit of God's Spirit at work has been evident in changed lives. On the morning of the Pentecost story, 20 people became new believers as they prayed to ask God's forgiveness for sins, and to receive new life in Jesus Christ. Peragé and her husband, along with their

*By the end of the service both had expressed a desire to follow Christ and shared their testimony of God's work in their life.*

Meanwhile, Marlene's neighbour George was a believing church leader, but his wife Ikai was not a believer. On this Sunday both Stella and Ikai came to church.

Another young lady, Imigi, also gave her life to the Lord late in the year. Pray for Marlene, who returned to New Zealand in December for home assignment and God willing, will return to South Sudan in April 2016.

### **Tim and Linda, in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania**

Tim and Linda are part of Training in Ministry Outreach or TIMO Team teaching English and Religion at a Teachers College in Dar es Salaam.

Their team strategy is, "The things which you have heard from me... entrust these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also." They are discipling trainee-teachers to go as 'tent-maker' teachers in Tanzania. The new teachers will live among an unreached people group of Tanzania. Tim and Linda write,

*"Two of the students who just graduated wanted to be baptised, so we went to the beach for church and had a baptism service for them."*

Both of them became believers during their time in the discipleship group at College. Tim had given them each some instruction about what baptism means, and had the privilege of baptising them in the ocean with the help of Pastor George, a local church pastor.

### **K. on an outreach team in Central Region**

The team was surprised when a few individuals began interacting with them in ways that are counter cultural to their religious upbringing.

"Every Wednesday we meet with a few members of a church who work on our side of town for prayer and a short teaching under a tree. Out of his own initiative, one local national has boldly joined us for several of our meetings."

As he is the only person from the local ethnic group, it would seem to be completely out of his context but something in his heart has given him the curiosity and boldness to join us.

*Praise God for some other locals who have believed and two who have taken the step to be dunked.*

An additional encouragement, the local cinema owner (from another religion) in town has requested to show the film about J to the men in town. (Women don't go to the cinema there.) Thank you for your prayers that the HS would continue to move in people's hearts to draw them to himself.

### **Peter and Sue Bird at AIC Kijabe Hospital**

The introduction of the Kairos Missions Course at Kijabe hospital in Kenya has been an exciting development this past year. Our first course was in October-November 2014, with 23 students. This comprised 19 Kenyans, two from the USA, and two from South Korea. The fourth course is planned for 22-26 February 2016 with more than 30 participants expected.

*"It's been amazing to see the impact God makes on people's lives through the course".*



Dr Peter Bird speaking to a Kairos group



Sue Bird with a Kairos graduate.

Students have had a transformation in their understanding of what it means to be a Christian, what God's mission is in the world, and God's purpose for every one of us as believers to be involved in reaching the whole world with the Gospel.

Please pray for the course in February and for future courses. Pray God will send out new workers into His Harvest from these courses.

### **Position in Perth**

Africa Inland Mission invites applications for a part-time, paid position as an Ambassador in Perth.

This person will represent AIM to churches and Bible colleges, to help mobilise people into mission.

Applications close: 31 March 2016. Enquiries to Len Leslighter, Director, AIM Australia, E: director.au@aimint.org or T: (02) 4322 4777.

# Opportunities to serve with Africa Inland Mission in 2016

## Short-Term

*Africa Inland Mission's short-term program provides you service opportunities in teams and as individuals for up to 12 months. Short-term ministry is focussed on supporting long-term initiatives to reach the unreached peoples of Africa.*

### North Africa Expo Tour

Visit the old cities, desert, mountains and coastal cities of a country in this region. Learn about the people and dominant religion. Pray God will bless and reach out to the people in this region. **Starts 11 May – 7 June 2016.**  
**Inquire now!**

### Medi-Quest Team

This is a unique opportunity for medical and allied-health professionals and advanced students to see and explore opportunities in medical ministry in East Africa. This team is from **11 June to 13 July 2016** and starts in Magumbua, Tanzania. The team will be led by Dr John Eager and will also visit medical ministries in Kenya at Litein, Kijabe and Kwale and possibly Kabrak and Nairobi. **Apply now!**

### Antakarana TIMO Quest, Madagascar

Spend one month with a TIMO or Training in Ministry Outreach Team among this unreached people, the Antakarana. **20 May – 1 July 2016.** Experience cross-cultural mission among the unreached.

### Shepherds' TIMO Quest, Lesotho

Experience a month in the snow-capped mountains, ministering to the shepherd boys. Live in local, round stone houses in a rugged environment. Men only on this team. **April/May 2016 (Final dates TBA.)**

### Digo Focus Quest, Kenya

Learn about the Digo people in this exciting team. Join a 2-year Focus team for a month from **9 July to 9 August 2016.** Join Laura, our Australian member on this team.

### Construction and Discipleship Teams, South Sudan

Teams of three to six people are needed for three to six months to help with construction of accommodation for outreach teams. **Start: Ongoing dates.**

### Internships

Join an experienced missionary for three to 12 months in a central African country. **Variable start dates and locations.** This is great opportunity for hands-on short-term experience and training.

### GO Short-Term Training

Experience two months of discipleship and outreach in Africa. Receive training for a month and then live with an experienced worker among an unreached people. **Mid 2017.**  
**Inquire now.**



### Health Care Opportunities at AIC Kijabe Hospital

The following specialists are needed for short-term ministry:

Obstetrics/ Gynecology **February 2017.**

Pediatric, critical care, internal medicine, family medicine, obs/gyn, surgical help: **April 2017.**

Pediatric, critical care, internal medicine, surgical, family medicine, obs/gyn help: **August 2017.**

Pediatric, critical care, internal medicine, surgical, family medicine, obs/gyn help. **December 2017.**

There is an ongoing need for orthopedics, pediatric neuro-surgical and pediatric surgical assistance.

### And There is More!

*Explore other short-term ministry opportunities with Africa Inland Mission on [www.AfricaInlandMission.org/au](http://www.AfricaInlandMission.org/au) or [www.AfricaInlandMission.org/nz](http://www.AfricaInlandMission.org/nz).*



## Training in Ministry Outreach or TIMO

A two-year foundation for a life-time of ministry.

TIMO is a tried and proven training and church-planting team program. Emphasis is on learning the local language and culture, studying and applying a robust curriculum and reaching out to the local community in appropriate ways.

### North Africa English Teachers' Team

Learn culture and language, and teach English. **Starts: August 2016.**

### North Africa Arabic Language Team

An all-male team of Arabic language and cultural students. **Starts: October 2016.**

### Zigua Team

Join this team among the Zigua people of coastal Tanzania. **Starts: September 2017.**

### Toronto TIMO Team, Canada

This TIMO team will be working among the diaspora in Toronto, Canada. **Starts: Mid-2017.**

### North Africa

Join this university study team and earn an MBA. **Starts mid-2017.**

More TIMO teams are being developed regularly. See our website for new opportunities.

### FOCUS Teams

*Focus on planting churches among an unreached people group in Africa.*

### Central African Republic

Come and live among the Mbororo and Zande people. A veterinarian is required. **Starts – July 2016.**

### Uganda – Moroto

Make disciples among the Karamojong people of north-east Uganda. There are openings for medical workers, teachers, agriculturalists and those with other skills. **Starts — February 2017.**

### Uganda – Kotido

Help mobilise north Karamoja churches to reach the nearby unreached people groups using rural medical services. **Early 2017.**

### North Africa

Join this two-year Focus team and teach English. **Starts September 2016.**

### South Sudan

Help disciple church leaders in the Torit area. **This five-year team starts in 2017.**

### Kenya – Nairobi

Reach out to unreached peoples. This team is ongoing, and offers variable start dates.

*Learn how YOU can be part of what God is doing in Africa. More information is available on these and other opportunities.*

Contact AIM in Australia on phone (02) 4322 4777 or New Zealand on phone (09) 281 4595 or see our websites. Perhaps you cannot go, but would like to PRAY! Please pray for Africa's unreached peoples, and for the right people to join teams reaching out to these. Learn more on [www.PrayAfrica.org](http://www.PrayAfrica.org).





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## Conference 2016 – Celebrating 100 years of AIM in Australia

**K**enyan Gospel worker and long-time partner with AIM, Peter Macharia will be one of our guest speakers at the Centenary Conference on 26-28 August in 2016. Peter is currently serving at the Eldoret Missionary Training College. He has a passion for mobilising African mission workers.



Peter will be joined by our International Director, Luke Herrin as co-speaker. Luke, previously shared at a conference in Australia in 2014. Peter is also presenting seminars at the Reachout

Missions Conference in Katoomba on 12-14 August.

## Brysons go to Africa in 1919

*Stuart (SM) and Elise Bryson were the second missionary family commissioned by Africa Inland Mission in Australia to serve in Africa. Rev Alan Checkley looks back in the first of a series of articles on the Bryson family.*

**A**frica became the Bryson's focus so that in 1919 they, with their three children (a fourth had died as a small child) set sail for Mombasa.

Stuart had been ordained by Rev Benson Barnett at Leichhardt Congregational Church previously. They served for a time at Kijabe amongst the Kikuyu people and then at Nyakach with the Luo.

An assignment followed to Kapsabet with the Nandi people.

This became the area of their greatest influence. Apart from the preaching, teaching and establishing of a new ministry, Stuart was to fulfil what he believed God had for him. He became an authority in the Nandi language and set himself to translate the Scriptures for the people. He was ably assisted over the years by Samuel Gimnyge and others from time to time. Just as the Brysons left home and loved ones, so also did Samuel for many weeks at a time.

When furlough time came the New Testament manuscript travelled with the family to Sydney where it was printed

in 1933 at the Century Press. The actual printer was an atheist who took extraordinary care in printing God's word! It was a beautifully printed and bound book. The printer heard the story of the translation but also of the message contained in the Testament. Stuart was not one to miss an opportunity.

On return to Kapsabet, Stuart revised the New Testament translation and completed the Old Testament. The two books were printed together by the British and Foreign Bible Society to become the first complete Bible in one cover in East Africa. It was a day of great rejoicing and thanksgiving when the first consignment was received in 1939. Many reprints were to follow over the years.

*The Bible could be in every Christian's hand and was the book being read in many places. It is the strength of the Nandi church.*



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Thank you — for all your prayers prayed for AIM workers.

Thank You God, for the prayers answered!

Thank you for financial support given!

Thank You God, for Your provision!

Without your support and the support of people like you, AIM in Australia could not exist. We could not take on the challenge of reaching Africa's unreached peoples with the good news of Jesus.

So again, we say THANK YOU!

## Thank You for Legacies and Bequests

Thank you to those who have blessed, after their death.

Bequests have blessed the ministry of AIM.

A gift from an estate: a gift of property, or shares, or money.

These all bless the ministry to share Jesus with Africans, long after the donor has departed.

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THANK YOU.*



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